

Appl. No. 9/942,290  
Amdt. dated 02/21/2005  
Reply to Office action of 01/24/2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner's allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-9 is noted with thanks.

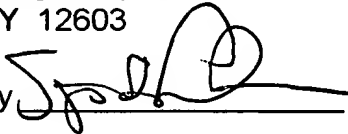
Reconsideration is requested of all remaining rejections:

Examiner is thanked for bringing to our attention the fact that claim 10, as previously written, did not fully describe the magnetic circuit used for writing. In particular, there was no explicit statement that the second magnetic layer was the flux return pole and, as a consequence, our argument that claim 10 teaches the write pole to be on the near side of the coil was not valid. This oversight has now been corrected through the current proposed amendment of claim 10. Antecedent basis for this amendment may be found in the final paragraph of the specification.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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